

A circular black and white stamp. The outer ring contains the text "OIP E.U.C. 41" at the top and "PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" at the bottom. In the center, the date "JAN 07 2002" is stamped.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,195-P)

For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays

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Art Unit: 1656

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Dear Sir:


In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
 - b) Return postcard
2. With respect to fees:

No fee is required at this time.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 23, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 23, 2001


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